



Northwest Middle School

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LUNCH MENU

MONDAY - Hamburger on a Bun / Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Sides are Golden French Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, and 1% Milk.

TUESDAY - Soft Beef Tacos / Cheese Quesadilla - Sides are Steamed Corn, Romaine Lettuce, Salsa, Fruit, and 1% Milk.

Christmas Dinner - Baked Ham/ Roast Turkey- Sides are Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Green Beans, Bread Stuffing, Fruit, and 1% Milk.

THURSDAY - Fish Sandwich / BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich - Sides are Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli Florets, Fruit, and 1% Milk.

FRIDAY - Cheese Bosco Stick/ Chefs Special - Sides are Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, and 1% Milk.

WEATHER



12	13	14	15	16	17
46° 28°	47° 30°	44° 29°	42° 27°	37° 28°	38° 27°

IMPORTANT EVENTS

On December 16th, we have a 1 hour early dismissal and Christmas break will begin. We will return on January 3rd, 2023.

The day we get out for break will be the end of the second nine weeks.

The Northwest Student Council will be holding a penny drive for Kamden Ramsey. The winning grade will be given an ice cream sandwich party. Water will also be sold in the cafeteria to help fund the PTO.

The toy drive has been extended to December 15th.

By: Mason Bender & Gwyneth Montgomery

WORLD NEWS

Germany Coup: On December 7, 2022 German police arrested 22 members and 3 suspected supporters of a far-right extremist terrorist group called Reichsbürger. This extremist group's goal was to reinstate the German monarchy with Prince Heinrich XIII.

Russia-Ukraine War: On Sunday, December 12, 2022, Ukrainian forces assaulted a Russian headquarters base at Luhansk, killing several Russian personnel and reducing the building to rubble. The Governor of the Russian occupied Luhansk region commented "A huge number of those who were there died. I am sure that at least 50 percent of those who managed to survive will die before they get medical care," The attack was successful and was just another step in a Ukrainian victory.

Prisoner Exchange: The two time Olympic gold medal winner Brittney Griner was prisoner exchanged on December 9, 2022. Griner was arrested in Russia for February, for having cannabis oil in her bag. Brittney was swapped for infamous arms dealer Viktor Bout. This exchange was announced by President Biden on December 8, 2022, but following the announcement the President has faced some controversy. Viktor Bout is a ex-soviet Lieutenant Colonel who was once called "world's most prolific arms dealers" by The Justice Department. Much outcry was expressed by those who believed the trade was a mistake.

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Christmas Spirit Week

Monday- Polar Express
Wear your favorite Christmas PJ's

Tuesday- Christmas Tree Topper & Cozy Toes
Deck yourself out with Christmas hat & socks

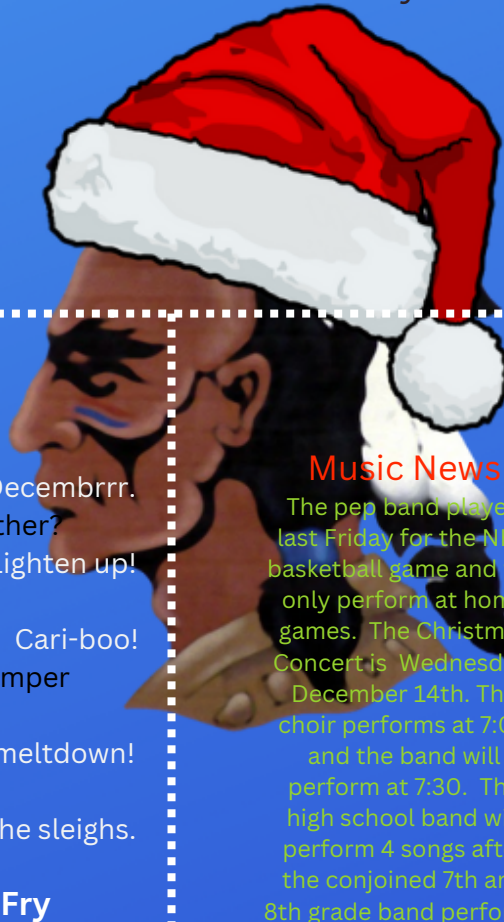
Wednesday- Sweater Weather
Show up with your favorite Ugly Sweater

Thursday- You Serious Clark?
Dress as your favorite Christmas Character

Friday- Flannel/ Fleece Friday



Northwest Middle School would like to shout out a huge thank you to Josh Stacy, owner of JCT Auto Repair in Lucasville! Mr. Stacy raffled off a truck and used the proceeds to provide food and hygiene products for Northwest Middle School and Valley Middle School. The generous gifts were delivered on Friday, December 9. Merry Christmas, Mr. Stacy! Mohawk Nation appreciates your generosity.



**C.A.N.S
Comedy At Northwest Schools**

MUSIC

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Music News

The pep band played last Friday for the NHS basketball game and will only perform at home games. The Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 14th. The choir performs at 7:00 and the band will perform at 7:30. The high school band will perform 4 songs after the conjoined 7th and 8th grade band performs their 3 songs.

The artist of the week is Ed Sheeran. Ed Sheeran is the most followed male music artist in the world. His most famous songs are:

1. Bad Habits
2. Shape of You
3. Happier

By: Lucas Crabtree

Why is it so cold at Christmas?
Because its Decembrrr.
What did one Christmas tree say to the other?
Lighten up!
What do you call a reindeer ghost?
Cari-boo!
What's it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?
A meltdown!
Why do reindeer like Beyonce?
Because she sleighs.

By: Landon Hartley and Nate Fry

INTERVIEWS/CLUBS

Interview with Emma Zornes for the swim team and Gabrielle Thomson for Power of the Pen

Interviewed by Kaylee Thackston and Annabella Harness

Emma Zornes

Gabrielle Thomson

What do you do during practice?

"We do different kinds of drills and swims, also diving."

Are you an experienced swimmer or learning?

"I am not experienced."

Do you enjoy the sport?

"Yes. Very much."

Is there anything you need to improve on?

"Yes, my breath and butterfly strokes."

Would you recommend for others to try this sport?

"Yes, I would. It's very fun and I'm sure other people would enjoy it."

What exactly is Power of the Pen?

"It's a competition where you're given forty minutes to write short stories with the given prompt."

What type of writing do you do?

"It really just depends on what you enjoy to write, as long as it's based on the prompt given."

Is there anything you need to improve on?

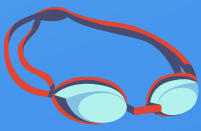
"I definitely need to improve on the details."

What made you want to do Power of the Pen?

"I really enjoy reading, so I first started writing a couple years ago."

Would you recommend it to others?

"Definitely! It's a super fun concept."



Brief Sports Summary of the Week 12/5 - 12/12

The boy's and girl's basketball teams played Minford on Monday, December 5th. Both girl's teams lost. The 7th grade boys lost and the 8th grade boy's team won 46-29. On Wednesday, December 7th, the girl's basketball game against Oak Hill got canceled and the boys played Valley at home. Both teams lost against Valley. Thursday, December 8th, the boy's basketball team played Oak Hill.

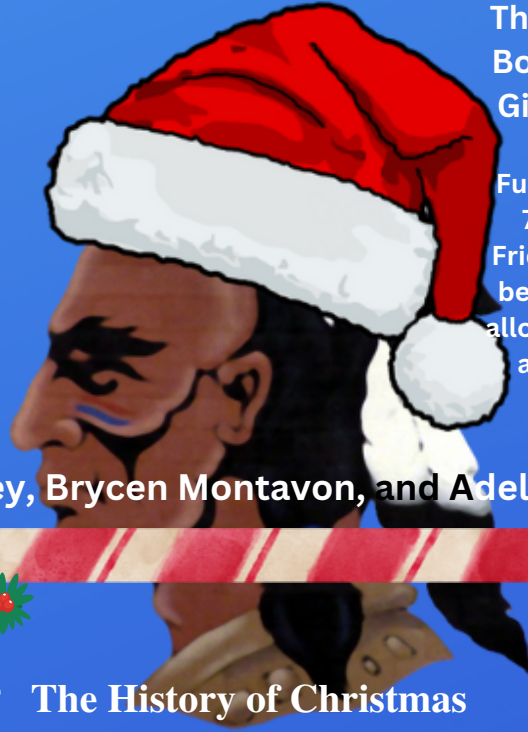
Monday, December 12th

Boy's Basketball @South Webster
Girl's Basketball vs. Webster
Both boy's games will be live streamed by the Bloom Vernon YouTube channel. The live stream starts at 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 15th

Boy's Basketball vs. Wheelersburg
Girl's Basketball @ Wheelersburg

Functional weight lifting is held at 5PM-7PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays aside from holidays and if it is to be canceled. Both boys and girls will be allowed to participate in this after school activity in preparation for upcoming sports and to improve health and strengthen our Mohawks.



By: Ivan Ealey, Brycen Montavon, and Adelyn Smith



The History of Christmas

The white snow falling to the green and brown ground, the gifts wrapped in colorful paper of various types. The sweet treats, the dinners, the bright lights on houses, the heavily decorated homes, the family gatherings, and the tree topped with a star. You would associate these with Christmas. Christmas is a popular holiday, one many favor and adore. Though, have you ever wondered where it originated? Christmas was formed from the gospel of Matthew along with other customs, and it has been celebrated for over two millennia. This holiday is an anniversary for the day Jesus was born in Bethlehem as well as a tradition of giving to others. Over the many years, it has become a federal holiday and less of a religious celebration. Before the birth of Jesus, it was common to celebrate the middle of winter, to celebrate birth and light in the dark season. During the winter solstice is when people rejoiced for longer days and more hours of daylight. Christians used to only celebrate Easter, when Jesus was resurrected, but it was soon declared that the birth of Jesus was a holiday. The celebration of winter was incorporated into the celebration of the Jesus being brought into life, making Christmas. I'd say by now, you'd be wondering how Santa Claus became part of this. He was traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas, who was born around 280 A.D. The monk gave away all his wealth and traveled the countryside to help the sick and poor, which made him become known as the protector of children and sailors. After the tales of this man spread, he became known as Santa Claus as well as a shortened version of his actual name, Saint Nick. This is how the beloved holiday of Christmas came to be today.



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Written by Annabella Harness



Author of the Week

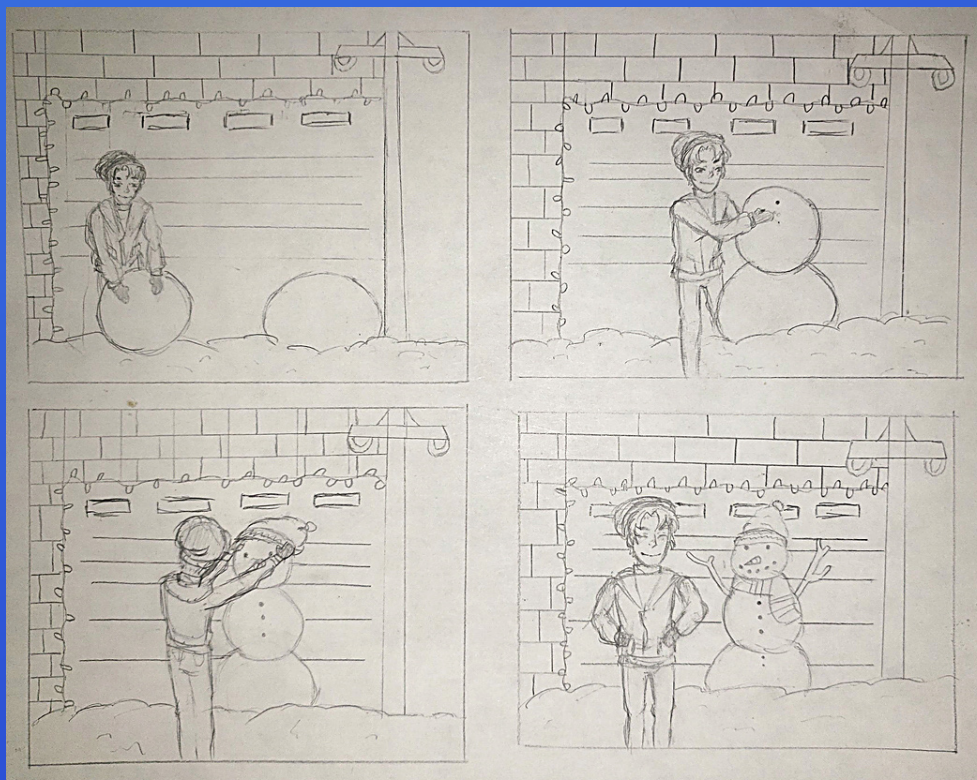
For this installment of Author of the Week, I'd like to discuss the English novelist who made one of the most well remembered Christmas tales of our time and is considered the greatest of the Victorian era, Charles Dickens. Charles John Huffam Dickens was born February 7, 1812 in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. He enjoyed a wide popularity with his novels, so his work could appeal to both the simple and sophisticated. The quality of his work along with technological developments led to his fame spreading worldwide at a rapid pace. He sold numerous novels, all with adequate characteristics. Throughout the years, his popularity never decreased, as he was so much more than an astounding entertainer. For, as quoted by Collins, "The range, compassion, and intelligence of his apprehension of his society and its shortcomings enriched his novels and made him both one of the great forces in 19th-century literature." At a young age, Dickens left Portsmouth. He spent the best of his childhood in Chatham, where he was from 1817 to 1822. Then, he moved to London where he stayed from 1822 until 1860. It was after that he moved permanently to Gad's Hill, which was close to Chatham, and lived in a country house. He was of moderate wealth, one of his grandfathers a domestic servant and his father was a clerk in the navy pay office. His father was paid well, but his profligacy brought Charles and his family calamity and financial mortification. Due to such, in 1824, Charles Dickens was withdrawn from his education and began to work in a factory. His father was sent to prison for being in debt, which was shocking for Charles. During his time in the working class, his emotions on his situation formed the basis for his writing. In the future, Dickens became drawn to the theater and came close to being a professional actor in 1832, began writing for newspapers and magazines. After his works were being promoted in newspapers and he felt overwhelmed, he took a vacation to America. Over time, Pickwick was published. The success of that led to the rest of his memorable stories we know today. His most famous is the Christmas tale, *A Christmas Carol*.

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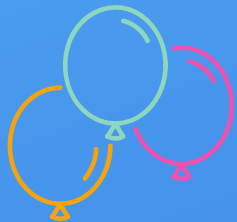
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By: Annabella
(Bella) Harness and
Bryson Newman

Comic Strip



By: Elizabeth
Golden, Adelyn
Smith, and Jonah
Throckmorton



NMS Birthdays

By: Brevan Staggs



December 11
Clayton Grant

December 12
Bobbi Jo Brown

December 13
Grayson Aldridge

December 14
Gabrielle Thomson

December 15
Mrs. Odell

December 16
Landyn Deemer
Zoe Crabtree

December 17
Pierce Yates

December 18
Shayleigh Perez

December 19
Cora Alexander
Austin Cox

December 20
William Burton
Rylynn Montgomery

December 24
Mrs. Webb
Justin Delawder

December 25
Mr. Cunningham

December 28
Eli Savage

December 30
MyKenzie Hall

December 31
Gaven Tackett

January 2
Hayley Jones
Seth Huff

January 3
Ms. Brannon

January 4
Ms. Alexis Phipps
Gavin Reeves

January 5
Cheyenne Spires
Elizabeth Golden

January 6
Mrs. Trissler

January 7
Mr. B.



What is your favorite Christmas Movie?

TOP 5 ANSWERS:

Home Alone

Elf

The Grinch

The Nightmare Before Christmas

A Christmas Story

Results from Last Week's

Polls:

By: Cora Alexander and Kali

Zukoski

What is your favorite sport?

TOP 5 ANSWERS:

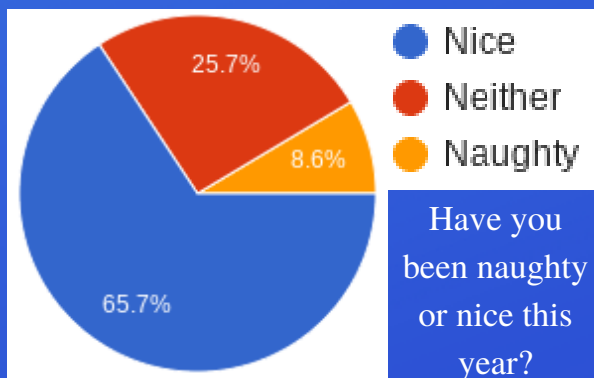
Volleyball

Football

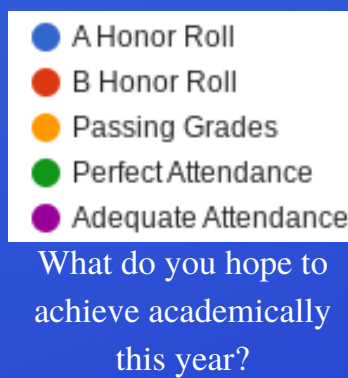
Basketball

Soccer

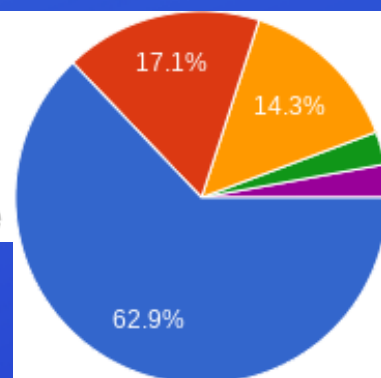
Baseball



Have you been naughty or nice this year?



What do you hope to achieve academically this year?



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History of Hanukkah

Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish holiday. Hanukkah of this year starts on the evening of Sunday, the 18th of December, and ends on Monday, December 26th. Hanukkah falls based on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. Hanukkah is usually in November or December. The name Hanukkah comes from Hebrew with its meaning "dedication". Hanukkah is original Hebrew traditions, gifts, fellowship, along with lighting the Menorah. The lighting of Menorah symbolizes the victory over the Greeks. There was said to only be enough oil in the lamp to burn for only one day, but surprisingly it stayed light for 8 days. This is why the Jewish light the Menorah for 8 days during Hanukkah. However, Hanukkah has changed a little over the years. For example, there used to be a holiday about 10 weeks after Hanukkah that most Jewish people do not celebrate anymore. This holiday was called Purim and it was based on gift giving. Most American Jews do not celebrate this, but some still do. Overall, Hanukkah is an interesting Jewish holiday to learn more about.

By: Gracie Moore

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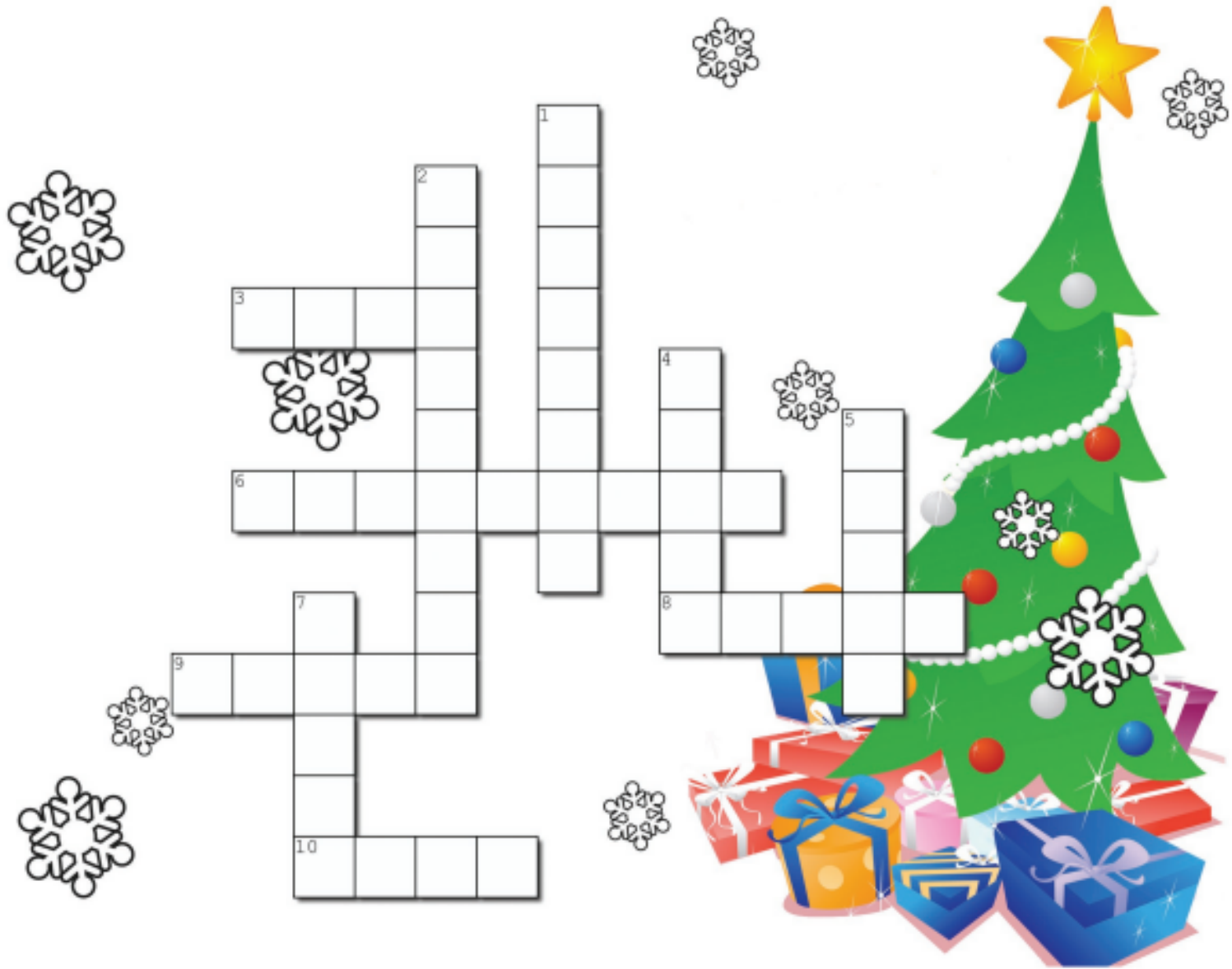
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Christmas Crossword Puzzle

Famous holiday songs



Across

- 3. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the _____
- 6. God rest ye merry _____
- 8. Deck the halls with boughs of _____
- 9. Jingle _____
- 10. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It _____

Down

- 1. Rudolph the red nosed _____
- 2. We wish you a Merry _____
- 4. All I Want For Christmas Is my two front _____
- 5. Joy to the _____
- 7. I saw mommy kissing Santa _____

Record your answers here:
<https://forms.gle/ZjyoqLQwRCmyWUnP9>



GIFT LOVE SNOW STAR TREE

E	U	N	S	W	R	R	O
V	G	N	E	T	S	A	E
Z	O	N	U	E	J	T	Q
W	T	F	I	G	R	S	D
R	V	D	E	L	J	T	Z
A	U	V	L	M	Q	A	C
B	O	R	P	G	C	G	H
L	F	D	Q	Y	E	W	V

PRINT TO FILL OUT!!

Sharp Moments

This week's Sharp Moment is brought to you by Jonah Throckmorton and J. Weslee Sharp.

Should your tree this year be real or plastic?

A simple, but fairly complex debate.

With Christmas right around the corner, many people are going out for the holidays to buy trees to decorate their homes and embrace the holiday spirit. Though, which is better: a plastic reusable tree that will last two or three decades or a different and new real tree every year that is biodegradable? Both have their pros and cons, mostly the long difference in time, the amount of uses each provides, and the environmental impact each may have.

Regarding my preference, I would personally say that a real tree is the best overall when it comes to the criteria of environmental effect, cost, and time effectiveness. Although the real tree may cost more on average and requires a new purchase every year, environmentally they create no waste considering they are entirely biodegradable. Fake plastic trees aren't typically biodegradable and are a hassle to recycle, though they do last longer and may be more cost effective than repeatedly paying a tree. If you care more about the earth or care more about money, the choice of which should be obvious.

Lastly, it should be added that depending on the place and area you are from, Christmas trees may not be readily available, so limited options may affect your decision in the choice between them. However, in recent years the demand for more real trees has risen in more cold regions and even in warmer climates. Some even have completely ditched the need for a tree and instead use light displays and other fixtures and items to represent their spirit for the holiday. So, you don't truly have to get one or the other, maybe you just aren't getting a tree. Though if you do, make the investment choice wisely for what is affordable and will benefit you and your planet.

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